



# CITY OF LODI

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

TO: City Council

FROM: City Manager

MEETING DATE: January 20, 1988

AGENDA TITLE: Review Adult Crossing Guard Study at Garfield Street/Eden Street

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Lodi Unified School District (LUSD) sent the attached letter requesting the Public Works Department study the Garfield Street/Eden Street intersection for an adult crossing guard.

Staff performed the necessary studies for an adult crossing guard in accordance with the guidelines adopted by Caltrans. The guidelines require that the traffic volume exceed 350 vehicles while at least 40 elementary school pedestrians use the crossing when going to or from school each of any two hours daily.

Table 1 presents the vehicle and pedestrian counts for Garfield Street and Eden Street. Since the Vice-principal felt the conditions were amplified during rainy days, staff did an additional afternoon count while it was rainy. The counts do not meet the minimums required by Caltrans.

The City of Lodi's crossing guard agreement with the LUSD states that the City has a statutory duty to reimburse the School District for costs of employing school crossing guards if the requisite criteria are met. The primary criterion is the data shall be measured against the warrants of the Traffic Manual published and adopted by Caltrans.

Since this criterion is not met, the City staff cannot recommend reimbursing the LUSD for costs of an adult crossing guard. This type of funding comes from the City's street maintenance accounts. However, the LUSD can employ an adult crossing guard at this location with LUSD funding.

While performing the traffic count, staff observed vehicle vs. vehicle "near misses" at this intersection. Staff reviewed the accident map and there have been no reported accidents at this intersection in 1984, 1985, 1986, and 1987.

During the rainy day observation, parents were double-parked while waiting for their children. The school has only three off-street parking spaces. The school staff parks on-street and all the loading activity for the buses and parents is done on-street also. Since Garfield Street and Eden Street are narrow streets (35-36'), this area gets congested during the peak hours when students are going to and from school.

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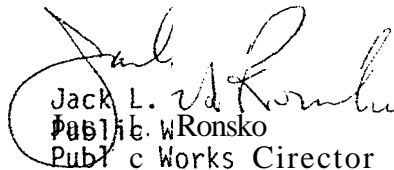
  
THOMAS A. PETERSON, City Manager

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The congested area and high on-street parking demand makes it difficult for the student patrols to see oncoming vehicles. Staff also felt the student patrols appeared to be inattentive. Staff has observed other student patrols at various schools that were able to control traffic without causing additional traffic problems.

Staff recommends the student patrols be re-informed of the proper methods of traffic controlling. Staff also recommends installing 20 feet of no parking zones adjacent to the crosswalks on Garfield Street at Eden Street. This will improve visibility for the student patrols. Unless the Council feels other action is appropriate, this will be done by the Public Works Department without a resolution, as allowed by the new Traffic Ordinance.

  
Jack L. Wronsko  
Public Works Director

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**Attachments**

cc: Street Superintendent  
Police Chief  
George Ellis, Director of Police Services, LUSD  
Community Service Officer Fuhs  
Jack Dunn, Vice-principal, Heritage Elementary School



# Lodi Unified School District

## POLICE SERVICES

525 West Lockeford Street, Lodi, California 95240

November 20, 1987

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CITY OF LODI

Mr. Jack Ronsko, Director  
Department of Public Works  
City of Lodi  
221 West Pine Street  
Lodi, CA 95240

Dear Jack:

I have received a memorandum from Mr. Jack Dunn, Vice-Principal of Heritage Elementary School. Mr. Dunn states a serious problem exists at the intersection of Garfield and Eden Streets during arrival and dismissal times of the school. Mr. Dunn surveyed the intersection from 2:00 to 2:15 p.m. on November 17, 1987, and counted 104 automobiles in the area during that time frame. The problem is amplified during rainy days when parents double park on Garfield Street and Eden Street.

Students arrival time in the morning at the school is between 7:40 and 8:00 a.m. and dismissal time is 2:05 to 2:10 p.m. and 2:20 to 2:30 p.m. Eden Street has stop signs but Garfield Street is a thoroughfare. Both streets are narrow with most parking slots filled during dismissal times. This limits visibility for motorists and presents a hazard to the students and student crossing guard.

I feel that under the circumstances as explained, and under the authority of the Education Code, it is necessary to ask the City of Lodi to conduct a survey of the area to determine the possibility of stationing an adult crossing guard at Heritage School.

If you have any questions regarding this request or if I may be of assistance to you, please contact me at 331-7200.

Sincerely,

Director of Police Services

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cc: Joan Pipes  
Claudette Berry

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TABLE 1

<u>Location</u>	<u>Type of Control on Major St.</u>	<u>Crosswalk</u>	<u>Morning Count</u>		<u>Afternoon Count</u>		<u>Afternoon Count (Rainy Weather)</u>		<u>Volumes Necessary to Satisfy Warrant</u>		<u>Warrant Satisfied</u>
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Garfield/Eden	None	North	74	68	100	129	116	80	350	40	No
		South	61	13	89	15	135	5	350	40	No

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January 22, 1988

Mr. George R. Ellis  
Director of Police Services  
Lodi Unified School  
525 West Lockeford Street  
Lodi, CA 95240

Dear Mr. Ellis:

Please be advised that the study made by staff on your request for an **Adult Crossing Guard Study** at Garfield Street/Eden Street (Heritage Elementary School) **was** presented to the Lodi City Council at its meeting of January 20, 1988.

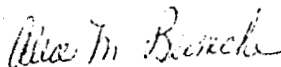
A copy of the staff report which **was** presented to council is attached for your information.

Since the criterion **was** not met, the city staff could not recommend reimbursing the Lodi Unified School District for costs of an adult crossing guard.

Following an indepth presentation by staff and discussion, Council voted to take no action on **this** matter.

**Should** you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call this office.

Very truly yours,

  
Alice M. Reimche  
City Clerk

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cc: Community Service Officer Fuhs  
Jack Dunn, Vice Principal